

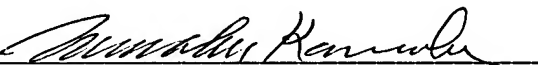
REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, and 7 are amended. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4, and 7-11 are pending in this application. No new issue is presented in this Amendment.

In the instant Office Action, the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) rejects claims 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, asserting that the recited term "each of subscriber," lacks antecedent basis and that the term is vague and indefinite. As suggested by the Examiner, the indicated term, as recited in claims 1 and 7, has been replaced with the term "each of a group of subscribers." Furthermore, the term "scribers," as recited in claims 2 and 4, is replaced with the term "subscribers," as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments place the application in better form for appeal. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

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